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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:Group Art Unit
Amy R. Freshour et al.	:Examiner
Serial No.	:

For: Method for Treatment of Silicone Emulsion Waste by Chemical Addition

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**'EXPRESS MAIL' MAILING
LABEL NUMBER**

EL7452.36385US

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the Title and before the Background of the Invention, please insert the following paragraph

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/467,565, filed December 20, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

Page 4, line 4, please delete “silicone oil 22” and insert therefore -- silicone oil 20 --.

Page 4, after line 12 and before line 13, please insert the following:

-- A suitable range of sodium hydroxide mixed with the silicone waste emulsion in an amount from about 8 to about 12%. Also, a suitable range of sodium hydroxide mixed with the silicone waste emulsion is in an amount from about 3 to about 8%. A suitable range of sodium carbonate mixed with the silicone waste emulsion is in an amount from about 3 to about 10%. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-19.

REMARKS

The amendment set forth hereinabove claims benefit of an earlier filing date in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78. The amendment set forth hereinabove cancels claims 1-19 from consideration. The specification has been amended at page 4, line 4 to correct a typographical error. The insertion in the specification at page 4 for the concentration ranges provides correspondence between the claims and specification. Said ranges are supported by the original claims 3, 5, and 10. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,



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